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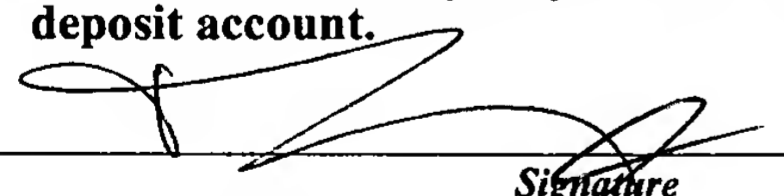
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. International PCT Patent Publication No. WO 00/69344, dated November 23, 2000; and
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 03-162845, dated July 12, 1991, together with English-language Abstract.

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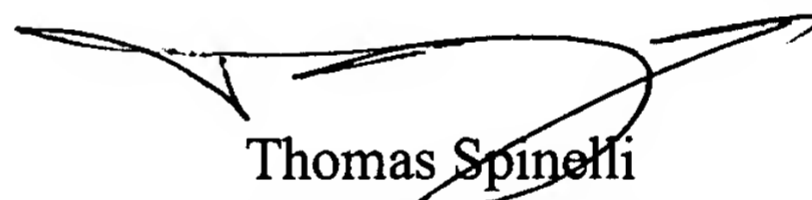

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The references were cited in an Official Action dated October 23, 2007 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), together with a copy of the Official Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants also submit the requisite \$180.00 official fee pursuant to § 1.17(p) by means of the enclosed check.

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